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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANI-
TARIAN LAW - RED SHIELD AMENDMENT

REFERENCE: (A) GENEVA 3437; (B) GENEVA 3241

1. WE HAVE SEEN REFTELS WHICH FORECAST OVERWHELMING DEFEAT
FOR ISRAELI EFFORT IN GENEVA RE RED SHIELD AMENDMENT.

2. PLEASE DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS
OUR ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE VOTE AND SUGGEST, UNDER CIRCUM-
STANCES ISRAELI DECISION TO PRESS FOR VOTE MIGHT BE RECON-
SIDERED. ASIDE FROM PROSPECT OF SIZE OF DEFEAT, OUR SUB-
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STANTIVE CONCERN IS THAT IF RECOGNITION OF EMBLEM IS DE-
FEATED AT CONFERENCE BY A VOTE, THIS COULD ALSO ADVERSELY
AFFECT CURRENT PRACTICE OF RECOGNITION OF EMBLEM (NOW DE
FACTO BY ARAB STATES). IN SUM, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY DECISION
IS ISRAEL'S TO MAKE, AS WE EVALUATE SITUATION, ISRAEL HAS
NOTHING TO GAIN AND SOMETHING TO LOSE BY PRESSING ISSUE TO
VOTE. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT OUR DELEGATION IS DISCUS-

SING SUBJECT ALONG SAME LINES WITH ISRAELI DEL IN GENEVA.

3. WE SHOULD NOT BE SEEN TO BE PRESSING GOI, BUT RATHER
BRINGING TO THEIR ATTENTION OUR VERY NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT OF

VOTE PROSPECTS. WHILE WE CAN APPRECIATE SOME OF THE
BROADER CONCERNS ADDRESSED IN REFTELS, WE THINK IT BEST
IF YOU LIMIT YOUR APPROACH BASICALLY TO DISCRETE PROBLEM
POSED IN THIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

4. YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT IF ISRAEL DECIDES TO PRESS
ISSUE TO A VOTE, GOI CAN BE ASSURED OF US SUPPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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